

DARPA-BAA-12-01

Frequently Asked Questions

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Q: What DARPA seedlings predate this program? Are reports available?

A: There were no preceding efforts.

Q: If my research is relevant in this field, but is not geared specifically to meet these goals, is there a solicitation that I can respond to?

A: Yes. DARPA/DSO has an Open solicitation (DARPA-BAA-11-65) for which responses are being collected through 9 Aug 2012.

Q: Is a video recording of the Proposers' Day Workshop available?

A: The workshop will not be available in its entirety, but after editing, government presentations (slide decks and video) will be made available for download from the teaming website.

PROPOSALS

Q: Can a prime or collaborator be an international company?

A: Yes, international companies and universities are acceptable.

Q: Is subcontracting to a National Lab or Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) permitted? Are there any collaboration restrictions?

A: Government entities are permitted – proposer should comply with the section on FFRDCs as stated within the BAA. There are no collaboration restrictions.

Q: Is abstract submission required?

A: Although strongly encouraged, an abstract is not required. Per the BAA, "DARPA will review all full proposals submitted using the published evaluation criteria and without regard to any comments resulting from the review of an abstract."

Q: Will any response be provided to abstracts?

A: It is anticipated that replies will be made on whether proposals are encouraged or discouraged.

Q: Are there any particular proposal abstract elements for example we should definitely include and others we can leave out? For the abstract, are all sections required?

A: Even if only briefly, the entirety of Section II (Section I is simply the cover sheet) should be addressed in an abstract submission.

COST

Q: What is the overall DARPA budget for GRAPHS? Are there funding limits for individual proposals?

A: The investment profile for GRAPHS has not been fixed at this time. The final program will depend on the proposals selected for funding. At this time, no single-project funding limits have been set.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Q: How many awards are anticipated?

A: The number of awards will depend on the merits of the proposals received and funds available.

TECHNICAL

Q: Is my topic consistent with the objectives of the BAA?

A: DARPA is not able to suggest specific research approaches. If you feel that your chosen effort is consistent with the objectives of the BAA and capable of meeting the goals stated within the BAA, then you should feel free to propose them. It is strongly encouraged that you read the BAA carefully. It is your burden to make clear within your proposal that your approach is supportive of your innovative claims, and includes a detailed analysis of the technical motivation.